

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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LOYALTY TO CHRIST.

The Church of God the Body of Christ.

Many Do Not Understand the Church and the Importance of Her Mission in the World.

A few weeks ago an article appeared on the front page of the Evangel under the above title. In it the writer emphasized the subject of divine healing and his analogy made it appear that those who use medicine are not loyal to Christ because He has arranged other means of cures from diseases.

The argument was so forcible, and penetrated so deep that it seemed a little too much for some dear honest sincere souls; so they felt it their duty to respond by personal letters. There is no objection to this, and really it is a pleasure to know that what is sent out is effective in some way. We always did like to know there was "something doing."

But there were not only letters of criticisms which gave the writer much pleasure and real joy, but also letters of approval, telling how the readers had both laughed and cried while reading, and God had showered His blessings upon them as the Spirit witnessed to the truthfulness of the strongest statements. Such as these are begging for more of the same strong meat, while others are crying for milk, diluted with a little medicine to give it a nice flavor and make it taste right good.

Now the question arises, which of these classes shall we submit to? The article was probably read by twenty-five-thousand people, and no doubt many of them were affected more or less in some way. But what shall we do? It is our desire to serve the people and be a blessing, and to make the paper a blessing to all of its readers. After carefully studying over the matter we conclude we have only one thing to do, Be loyal to Christ! The letters of approval gives us strength

and courage to pursue the same course, while those of disapproval and criticism cause us to set up stronger fortifications and push into the battle with increased fervor and energy. There is not the slightest tendency to weaken and compromise.

Divine healing is not the only point of doctrine that comes to us through the sacred Word. There are other points of equal importance, but as this theme has been so neglected it is necessary to have it brought to notice and made more prominent. But those who teach divine healing should also practice it, for if they teach it and then resort to medical treatment when they get sick, they prove themselves disloyal and are of the class that Jesus named "hypocrites" for they say, and do not.

We have heard of some that are advocating the tithing system, but they themselves do not pay tithes. Others who teach that people should be loyal to Christ on all lines, sometimes themselves fail to prove their fidelity to Him in different ways. They sometimes say they are loyal and are true to Him, "but in works they deny Him." And Paul tells us that "if we deny him, he also will deny us." This of itself ought to make us more careful to be loyal to Him at all times and in all places.

Saul was rejected from being king because of his disloyalty to God. But even when Samuel went to him and told him of his wrong he denied it and insisted that he had fulfilled the commandment of the Lord. Even after Samuel had expostulated with him he still insisted that he had performed the commandment of the Lord. It was not until Samuel declared that rebellion was a sin worthy of death that the king

acknowledged his transgression.

This incident is enough to show that when one has done wrong he will often try to hide it under a lie. I was once preaching on the deceitfulness of the human heart and made reference to the effect of tobacco. I stated that all tobacco users would lie if they were pressed into a close place. The statement had its effect; and while it had a good effect on most all the congregation there was one man that flew mad and undertook to scare me into a retreat. But retreat was impossible. I could not go back and remain loyal to Him that had prompted the message. Since then I have seen the truthfulness of the statement demonstrated over and over again.

The Church of God stands against the use of tobacco in any form by its members, and yet it has often been said by true noble men that "tobacco gives us more trouble than whiskey" because our members so often have used it and lied about it. As it was in the time of the Apostles so it is now. Men have crept in unawares (Jude 4) right over the careful explanation of the preacher when he stated that none were wanted that used tobacco, belonged to lodges, or had more than one living companion.

I trust the time is near at hand when the Spirit of God will so illuminate the Church of God and her laws that all men will see that when they are disloyal to it they are disloyal to Christ, for the Church of God is the body of Christ. (Eph. 1:22,23.) The Church stands for a clean life. No whiskey, no tobacco, no snuff, no fornication, no adultery, no lodges, no profanity, no medicine, no simple remedies, no lying, no stealing, no deceivings, but honesty, uprightness in every respect and fidelity (not infidelity) or loyalty to Christ who is its head.

If this way is too close for you then hunt up your crowd. I know of thousands that are going this clean way and we will not be lonely without those who will not be clean. We never expect to compromise in order to gain in number, but the thousands are coming this way now. There are others as well as we that love

to associate with those who stand for loyalty to Christ and His doctrine.

This little "bird messenger" is dropping about over the world and very often it falls into the hands of men and women that are looking for just what it stands for. They want to get in touch with the people that stand for the right and will die rather than compromise.

No doubt there are some going about over the world that try to identify themselves with us that are soaked and besmeared with false doctrine and filth of various kinds, but sooner or later they will run their race and be exposed before God and the people. If you hear a man preaching that people receive the Holy Ghost with out speaking in tongues you can set it down in your day book that he is not our man unless he has turned traitor and has not yet been apprehended. If you hear one say he belongs to the Church of God and uses tobacco, or is a member of a lodge, or opposes baptism by immersion, or feet washing, or sanctification as a definite experience subsequent to conversion and previous to the baptism with the Holy Ghost you can set it down that he is not our man unless he has departed from the faith and has not yet been overtaken. If you find one teaching the "no hell" doctrine, or "second probation" theory, or that people are not "born of God" or "born again," or that the resurrection is past, or that a man can marry as many wives as he wants to so he has a divorce from the first, you can go to the store and purchase a book and pencil and make a good long note of that man (Isa. 30:8-13, and 2 Thes. 3:14-15.) and take a little time to pray for him if you think he has not passed the day of redemption, for he is either deceived or willfully disobedient. Such a person is not loyal to Christ nor is he loyal to the Church the body of Christ.

I admit there are many bodies of people that call themselves the Church of God besides those represented by the Church of God Evangel, but I do not hesitate to challenge them for adopting and claiming the name unless they accept and teach the full doc-

trine of Christ and are subject to Him in everything. (Eph. 5:24.) If they measure to this then I want to find them for we are one. But this includes the tongues as the evidence of the baptism with the Holy Ghost and healing provided for all in the atonement without the use of medicine.

Many do not understand the Church and her mission in the world, but she is climbing rapidly up the steep and showing herself able for her task. The sinners, and hypocrites, and false teachers are to be loved, and nobody can love like those who are loyal to Christ. They love them well enough to deal fair with them and tell them of their wrongs and how Christ died to save them from their sins and hypocrisy and false teaching, if they will only give Him a chance.

There may be some within that are not altogether loyal, because they do not know the requirements, but it is the duty of the ministers to give instructions to such as these (Eph. 4:11-16.) and doubtless many will mend their ways when they learn of their mistakes. There are some that need the milk of the Word while there are others that need the strong meat, but below both of these ranks is the sin line that severs them from the wrongs mentioned above. It is the duty of the members to live such good lives that it can be said as of old, "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad." (1 Thes. 1:8.)

Finally beloved, be loyal to Christ and you will be loyal to His Church. Be loyal to His Church and you will be loyal to Christ. God bless you all.

Avon Park, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson;

I have just finished reading the Evangel and there is nothing that does me more spiritual good than to read this little paper. We see in God's Word where He says "Study to show thyself approved of God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." When I read these good articles it helps me on to deeper

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REPORT

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a meeting at Linden, Fla. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way in saving souls, sanctifying and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. Thank God, He still saves folks that will be saved. There were eighteen saved, ten received the Holy Ghost and eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism and twenty-one came into the dear Church of God. We leave many seeking the Holy Ghost but the Lord seems to call us to another place. We leave many friends at Linden who cared for us while there and we pray that the blessings of God will be upon them.

Wherever we go we hate to leave the friends and saints but thank God, the battle will soon be over and if we are true to the Lord, He will take us a trip in the air then we won't have to separate any more. It seems I can almost see the saints gathered around the table at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Oh, what a time that will be to those that have the privilege of going and will go. Thank God, we can be there if we live right and do His will while on earth we stay.

Our next meeting will be at Centerhill, Fla. Pray for us that we may stay in the center of God's will.

W. R. Anderson,
 Wife and Workers.

Point, Texas.

Brother Tomlinson and All
 the Dear Saints:

I want to praise God for
 saving, sanctifying and bap-

tizing me with the Holy Ghost and keeping me from the snares of the wicked one. Oh, I thank Him so much for the peace and comfort that I have in my soul because of His presence with me. I used to hate to stay by myself for Satan was always planning a quarrel for me with my husband because I was left by myself, or letting my mind run out after the things of the world or planning away ahead and I always wanted some one to be present to talk with to employ my mind. Now how I love to be left alone for I can employ my mind with something a great deal better than this world's goods. I love to be alone with Jesus.

There is no one here that belongs to the Church of God or that is filled with the Holy Ghost for me to be with.

I wish some good preacher that could spare the time would come to Texas and hold a meeting. I am so hungry to hear a good Holy Ghost sermon. I think these people here in Texas deserve to hear the true gospel from a good preacher.

I want to say a few words to my home church in Tennessee. I would enjoy worshipping with you and being in your communion services. I could enjoy reading a letter from some of the members. I enjoy reading the Evangel so much it seems I could hardly get along without it.

Your sister in love with Jesus,

Bettie Workman.

Perry, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
 Saints Scattered Abroad:

Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord certainly worked in wonderful ways in our twelve days meeting at Branford. Quite a number saved and sanctified, one reclaimed, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two followed the Lord in water baptism and twenty-two added to the dear old Church of God.

Quite a number of seekers were left at the altar. May God bless them and take them through and those that have started out to follow Him may they hold out faithful to the end.

If we cannot preach like Peter and see three thousand converts in one day, we can praise our blessed God because He loved us and because we are on the way.

Z. R. Thomas.

Boyette, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
 The 26th of March we
 closed a meeting at Deer

Park, Fla. Four received the Holy Ghost and others were saved and sanctified. Seven followed the Lord in water baptism, and seven came into the dear old Church of God.

This was a hard place, a log camp town with "moonshiners" and a "blind tiger," and of course they have drinking and fighting. The first Sunday we were there, two men had a fight and one was cut very bad. Before we left the sheriff arrested the "blind tiger" man and put him in jail and the "moonshiners" backed off and we had a good time after all.

May the Lord bless the people of Deer Park and cause the saints to be true and may He send conviction on the sinners.

We thank the people of that place for their kindness. Mrs. Sumner and Daughter, E. E. Simmons and Wife.

Landing, Miss.

Daar Brother Tomlinson and
 Saints:

I wish to ask a special prayer for my wife. The enemy has had his hand on her body for several weeks and there is no elder around here to call in and a very few believers, so dear brothers sisters, I am calling for each one to call on God that she may be healed for His glory.

Your humble brother,
 G. T. Cook.

Snowville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
 Saints:

I am praising God for salvation and freedom from sin and or the comforter that abides.

We are having some good times with the Lord here in Virginia. Some getting through to victory and others are still calling on the Lord. We are doing our best for the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
 J. H. Erazier.

Erastus, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul and the way He is blessing us at this place. During the preaching Sunday, the power of God fell and the saints began to talk in tongues and handle fire; I tell you God sure did bless us. We are having a good Sunday school here.

All who read this, please
 pray for us at this place.
 Yours under the blood,
 C. G. Coggins.



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Sam C. Perry.

No movement or church can have the full approval of God upon them, if they have not the missionary spirit in them.

Jesus died for all men, but they cannot benefit therefrom unless they have the gospel, or "good tidings," which tells them if it, declared unto them, and it is very sure that there is no one to tell them but those who are saved and redeemed by the power of God. Then we who know the Lord are duty-bound, "as much as in us is," to declare to all the world "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

But how many of us are self-centered and are ready to say "I have all that I can do at home, and to take care of my own," nothing for the heathen. But after we have made all the excuses and done all we can to remove the obligation, it still remains that Jesus is saying to His own "Go carry the gospel, other sheep I have which are not of this fold," and He would have us to be interested in bringing them in.

No doubt there are men whose hearts go out for the thousand million across the sea who do not know the name of our Christ, but they honestly do not know what they can do or how to begin to help evangelize these multitudes of lost ones.

In this short article we propose to show you how you can help to carry out our Lord's command. There are so many who can't go, but there is something that all, even the weakest and poorest can do.

1. There are some who can go, and if the Lord is calling you to the "regions beyond" you should esteem it as much a privilege to go, as those in the home land, pastors, evangelists, etc.

We do not believe you should hurry away, but after sufficient prayer, waiting before God, and preparing for the work, you should go forth as He opens the way, trusting Him for all things, and you may be assured that if God calls you to go he will give wisdom, supply the means, open the way and direct in all things, if you go trusting Him with all your heart, and again as you go God will raise up an army to stand behind you in prayer and with their means.

2. If you are not called

to go, you can certainly help with your means, and this is a very necessary part, and if you help in this way; you will certainly share the reward of those who go. If we pay the expenses of one who goes we will share the glory with him when he comes bringing in the sheaves, and we may then rejoice with them.

But some may say we are too poor. We have nothing to give. It may be that this is the reason some are so poor, they have not honored God with their substance when they could, and now God is letting them suffer for it, He has promised blessing to those who honor Him with their substance. Try denying yourself some comforts that you may give to the Lord's work and see God bless you financially. Men and women deny themselves some of the necessities of life to get tobacco and other things that are not necessary to life. Why not deny ourselves a little for Jesus' sake? Try it and see the results, no matter how poor you are. Every little too helps and you will see the work of God too.

3. If you can neither go nor give as you would like you can certainly pray. There is no excuse you can render here. You can pray for the lost millions that are perishing, you can just pour out your heart to God to have mercy on them and open the way for them to get the gospel, and if you are doing your best you can expect Him to answer you. You can not only pray for the heathen, but pray for those who have gone to tell them of Jesus and His love, and also that the Lord will "send forth more laborers into His harvest," and you should pray thus daily, and plead earnestly and long that God will hear the cry of His faithful ones for the lost world, and in this way all can be foreign missionaries either by going, giving or praying.

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Brother Tomlinson and Saints: I am still under the precious blood really shouting victory every step of the way. My soul is mounting higher each day as I keep low at Jesus' feet. It is a life of deep humility that gets the greatest blessings.

I can report for our little band that all are moving upward and onward, praise God. We have a little band in the central part of the city. We have opened a chapel and have services every night except Thursday and Saturday nights. Our address is 411 Polk St., near Florida Ave. We had only a few faithful sisters to begin with but Father answered our prayers and sent brother Giddens and wife from Clearwater Fla. They take charge of the services and we have such blessed meetings and raryings before God. We ask all the saints to remember to pray for this new work.

Dear ones, we have such a short time to work, "The night cometh when no man can work." The whole world is in such commotion, and distress that we will have hard work to get them to hear. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine," (2 Tim. 4:3) We that have purposed in our hearts to serve and obey Him to the end will have to suffer many things; but if we look continually to Him, He will be our strength.

Hallelujah! I feel real fortified this morning. His promises are ringing in my ears. I know I am nothing but He is all powerful.

"What have I to dread,
What have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms."

I praise the Lord for the Evangel. I pray for it every time. It is such a blessing to my soul, I read everything in it and get strength from the grand testimonies and editorials.

May God bless the editor and his helpers.
Your sister under the blood and in His service,
Mrs. Rosa Murphv.
216 Grand Central Ave.

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Dear Readers of the Evangel:

I want to praise the Lord for all He has ever done for me. I praise the Lord for giving me and my family health and strength, and because I have found the way from earth to heaven and it is a straight, clean way. This is the way Jesus leads and He wants us to follow Him. Bless God, His spirit beareth

witness with my spirit that this is the way, and this Holy Ghost way is the only one that the Bible teaches. No unclean thing shall go this way for we have to be pure and holy, therefore tobacco chewers will not be in heaven.

I am so glad the Bible is our way bill from earth to heaven. If we have any troubles and trials we can go to Jesus for He says "Come unto me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you; and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30.)

It grieves my heart because we have no meeting to go to. We need the gospel preached here badly. I pray that the Lord will send a spirit filled man to this place to preach.

Please pray for me that I may do the will of God. I feel that He has called me to work for Him and the devil is hindering me. It is my whole heart's desire to go and preach the gospel but I have been putting it off trying to do something else and everything I try to do goes right contrary.

So pray for me that I may follow Jesus, and lay down the things of this world and take up my cross. Pray for my loved ones who are not right with God that they may come in before it is too late. Your brother in Christ,
W. M. Lowman.

Baby Gone Home.

Little Daniel Tilghman, whose parents live near Hardy Miss., was called away April 19—Aged one year and six months. M. S. Haynes conducted the funeral.

The parents and family have our sympathy in this time of separation. The following verse came with the notice of the death, given in memory of the little darling. We miss the voice of one we love,
A precious form has passed away,
To join the angel throng above
In realms of endless day.

Camp Meeting

At Alva, Fla. will begin May 10 and run ten days or longer as the Lord may lead. Workers—M. S. Haynes, E. Haynes and wife.

Everybody come expecting a good time from the Lord.

For further information address J. A. Williams clerk, Alva, Fla.

Program

Alabama state convention of the Churches of God at Dora, Ala. May 12th and 13th 1916.

Friday May 12th.

9:30 A. M. Song and prayer service, music by band.

9:45 A. M. Address of welcome by D. R. Holcomb, Dora, Ala.

10:00 A. M. Response by R. M. Holms Piedmont, Ala.

10:15 A. M. Opening talk by the overseer.

10:45 A. M. Songs.

11:00 A. M. Church literal or invisible by J. B. Ellis, Oneota.

12:00 M. Adjournment for dinner.

1:00 P. M. Songs and praises.

1:30 P. M. Obedience by Z. D. Simpson, Ethelville, Ala.

2:30 P. M. Deeper life by R. S. Robinson Oneonta, Ala.

3:30 P. M. Short talks on the need of a deeper experience.

4:00 P. M. Adjournment.

Saturday May 13th.

9:30 A. M. Songs and praises music by the band.

1:00 A. M. Short talks on pastoral work, by pastors and others present, led by J. B. Ellis.

11:00 A. M. Government, by J. W. Buckalew.

12:00 M. Adjournment for dinner.

1:00 P. M. The entire afternoon will be devoted to organizing and formulating plans for the evangelizing of Alabama.
F. T. L.

Announcement

The time for the Tennessee state convention is set for June 16, 17, 1916. It is to be at Chattanooga and in the new church house at Ridgetale.

All the ministers are specially urged to be present and all others are welcome.

A great time is expected. Pray and come.
Geo. T. Brouayer overseer.

Notice

I want 500 hands to pick strawberries. Commence about the first of May and continue about six weeks.

We expect to have a tent meeting at night conducted by J. L. Scott of Chattanooga Tenn.

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Grow in Grace

Conditions Must Be Favorable or We Will Not Grow.

Sam C. Perry

The Christian's pathway "shines more and more unto the perfect day." There is no standstill. It is forward or backward. The moment we cease to go forward we begin to loose ground.

But this growth is the result of personal activity. The command is "But grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." We might say how can I grow, or how can I increase in that which God alone can work and produce in me? If He has put love, purity and knowledge and power in me, how can I increase or multiply the fruits and powers of the same? We answer by getting rid of all the hindrances to them, so far as possible, and by giving full play to their development in the heart and life. This involves faith in God's infallible Word and obedience to His Commands.

We notice some commands that must be regarded if we grow in grace. 1. "Be holy in all manner of conversation." This state is maintained by living continually under the blood of cleansing, and is not accidental, but the soul purposely, intentionally, holds on to the experience of purity. This is the necessary condition to the growing of grace. Any impurity hinders the growth and even destroys life.

2. "Be vigilant"—watchful. How necessary that we set a watch upon our lips, and indeed, in every direction that nothing approach that would disturb our peace or hinder our progress in the spiritual life. One who grows in grace is necessarily a watchful person, lest Satan get the advantage and destroy that which God is doing within.

3. Stand firm in all the trials. There are many trials, but steady, continued, progress and growth in grace means victory over them all, a steadfast standing under all things. To the one who is up today and down tomorrow, growth and increase in the things of the spirit is indeed slow, if at all.

4. "Have fervent charity among yourselves." A warm-hearted, sunny disposition to all, and under all circumstances is the surroundings of the fruits, graces and gifts of the Spirit. They could no more thrive in a crabbed cross

disposition, than fruits and flowers in the cold winter winds.

5. "Casting all your care upon Him." The life of the Christian is as dependent on God, as the flower and fruit the vine. To lean upon Him all the way, trusting to Him for all needs is essential to growth and advancement in this way. Life, and life more abundant can come from no other source. How we move forward as we trust Him, and are centered in Him as our very life.

6. Jesus has left us an example and we are commanded to follow in His footsteps. We are to possess His spirit. Be imitators of Him in word, and walk, whatever is not for His glory, and whatever is not in harmony with His word should be cast off at once in order that the development of the soul in fruits, graces and gifts of the spirit may be rapid and substantial.

If we follow Him here as we should the time is coming when we shall appear with Him in glory and see Him as He is and enter the Kingdom with Him and reign forever. The more spiritual development and growth we have before going to meet the Lord, the greater will be the capacity for taking in the glories of the Kingdom and glorifying the King forever.

Berryton, Ga.

To All the Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' name.

I praise God for saving me when I was eighteen years old and three years ago He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I never will forget that meeting in which I was baptized with the Holy Ghost. It is the only pentecostal meeting I was ever in, but my soul is still feasting on the joys and good things of that meeting. I never will forget the faces of the dear saints and oh, how I long to be with them. I know I am one of the least of God's children, but He is able to take care of His little ones.

My husband does not believe in this way and I want to request a special prayer for him that God may bring him into this way. We have four little children and I want them brought up in the right way.

I am hungry for more of God's love. I want to go down deeper and get all that God has for me. I praise the Lord for taking the love of snuff and the world away from me and because He keeps me through these dark and lonely days. Pray for me that I may stay under the blood and be ready when

Jesus comes. Don't forget to pray with me for my husband. Your unworthy sister,
Sallie Walter.

Avon Park, Fla.

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depths, higher heights and broader breadths in the light of the Word. Such are to be appreciated by those who are seeking to know more of the way to "yonder's world."

This indeed is the most important question that confronts the human race. But like other times, there are those who it seems are trying to figure out their own way in which they expect to reach that city of peace, rest and love. There are those who are following the road that was marked out by God's own plans, which is "Jesus the Christ" the Son of the living God. If we expect to enter into life, we will have to accept Jesus and His teachings for our guide regardless of what is said.

I often think of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ, how obedient she was in all that was committed to her in giving birth to the Savior of the world.

I fear sometimes, that we fail to honor our dear old mothers as we should, the one that has loved us and cared for us (with the aid of dear old father) when we were helpless. We have seen the motto "What is home without a mother." And we can say it would not seem like home. The following lines are so true that I want others to read them. "Oft from loving mother and the home-stead dear,
You and I must wander after fortune here.
But we don't forget her tho' afar we roam,
For we know she's grieving in the dear old home.
Every trial meeting with a smiling face,
Just to please her dear ones in the old home place.
Sending sunny letters to the ones who roam,
Tho' her heart be breaking in the far off home.
Sweet the tho't of heaven, and the mansions fair,
For we know our mothers always will be there;
Angels still and angels evermore to be,
Loving her dear ones through eternity.

Perry W. Hadsock.

Meldrim, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to praise my blessed Master for what He is to me. He is still precious to my soul. I cannot praise Him enough for goodness to me. I received the blessed Holy Ghost about five years ago and lived true awhile but from lack of opportunity to attend meeting I became careless; but when I did get to go to a good meeting I surrendered myself to the Lord

anew and He wonderfully refreshed me. Oh, it means so much to have salvation and have peace and joy in our souls and know that we are ready to meet Him. I am glad now to tell my friends about this wonderful way, and I used to be afraid for fear they would laugh me to scorn but praise God, the world is taken from me now. I have prayed through many oppositions and I want to tell others to pray much, and plunge out into the deep if they want to do our blessed Savior's will. Don't ever be discouraged but pray without ceasing and hold on to God. The enemy will try you and make beautiful propositions to you, but if you want to triumph over all things just hold on to God for He will never leave you nor forsake you.

I am praying that God will send some of His competent servants to this field to hold a tent meeting. We would be glad for brother T. S. Payne to come, if he has a tent. Pray for me that I may keep the victory.

Mrs. H. P. Harmon.

Pratt City, Ala.

Dear Saints:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I am so glad salvation reaches me, and I am praising God because the Comforter still abides. When we cannot meet with the saints He is with us and comforts us. I thank the Lord for the Evangel, for it is food to my soul. I love to read the testimonies and especially those from Alabama. I enjoy sister Ida McCoy's testimony so much. We don't get to hear a Church of God preacher preach, so that makes us enjoy the Evangel more than ever.

My membership is at Dora Ala. and I want to go there so badly but our great Captain knows best, so He blesses us and comforts us here. If there are any more members of the Church of God here, except my husband and myself I don't know it. There are a few who have the Holy Ghost and we are trying to carry on our prayer meetings.

Pray for us here that God will open up a way for a Church of God preacher to come.

R. 2. Mrs. A. Franklin.

NOTICE

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All are cordially invited to attend.

Pray much for the meeting.

There will be a restaurant on the ground where all can be served at reasonable rates according to their needs.

For further information address, Zeno C. Tharp,
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